Explosives, Ammunition and Fireworks
Shipments Procedures

Pursuant to the letter of 26th Dec 07 from Dubai Police General Headquarters/Protection Systems Department concerning the above subject and for the purposes of customs control, application of prohibition and restriction provisions, safeguarding public safety and social security, controlling and consolidating the procedures that to be followed when weapons, ammunition and fireworks are imported, exported or transited through customs ports of the emirate of Dubai, the following have been decided:

Firstly: Importation:
- The importing agency shall ascertain that the following are acquired:
  - A Federal import license from the Ministry of Interior for weapons, explosives and ammunition.
  - Local license for fireworks.
  - Transport license from the local Police authorities.
  - Security escort for the respective shipment from the customs port to the storage or usage area.
  - Bill of lading showing the technical terminology of the dangerous material according to the international transport procedures issued by IATA or the Maritime Law and Federal Law No. (11) Of 1976.

Secondly: Packing and storage:
- The packing of such materials shall be examined and matched with the international laws of land, air and sea transport. Such information shall be mentioned in the bill of lading especially the dangerous materials form.
- For storage, the security spacing applicable to the emirate of Dubai that taken from UK specifications allowing security spacing for each quantity of explosives shall be followed. Also, storage of inconsistent sets of explosives in a single place shall not be allowed.
Thirdly: Transport.
- No agency (only the authorized ones) shall be allowed to transport any quantity of weapons, explosives and fireworks without a security escorting that to be provided by the security agencies whether for in country, export, transit or re-shipment transport.

Fourthly: Export.
- No agency shall be allowed to export explosives unless permission from the security agencies of the country of importation is obtained including, in liaison with the Ministry of Interior, export permit from the local police authorities.

Fifthly: Re-shipment.
- No agency shall be allowed to re-ship any explosives or ammunition unless a prior consent from the protection Systems Department is taken. Such consent shall be obtained before the shipment is taken out from the country of origin.

Sixthly: Transit.
- The carriers of explosives and ammunition through the emirate of Dubai shall notify the Protection systems Department of such transit before the shipment departs the country of origin.

Seventhly:
- In cases of re-shipment and transit, coordination with the Protection Systems Department and the appropriate agencies at Dubai Ports Authority shall be made over providing all requirements for the security and safety of the area in which the maritime conveyances carrying explosives and ammunition are found.

- Entry and storage of weapons, ammunition and fireworks in free zones and public and private warehouses shall be prohibited unless a license from the competent agencies is obtained.

This Notice shall come into force as from the date of issue.

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